AN AGREEMENT

between

The Radio Society of Great Britain

and

The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network

PARITY OF ESTEEM

Definition: offers "a language for negotiation of a post-conflict equilibrium." This negotiation begins with the both parties recognising the stalemate of their position. Rather than continue trying to out-do each other, the parties should attempt to negotiate a peaceful coexistence in a shared physical space despite their recognised and accepted differences.

1. INTERPRETATION

For the purposes of this Agreement the following abbreviations or terms shall have the meaning shown:

Agreement	*shall mean*	**This document**
RSGB	*shall mean*	**The Radio Society of Great Britain**
Network	*shall mean*	**The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network**

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this document is to state the terms of an agreement between the RSGB and the Network that shall serve as a national framework within which both parties may co-ordinate protocols and procedures for communication in community events, emergencies and disaster situations.

2.2 It is intended that this agreement shall promote joint co-ordination and utilisation of the resources of both RSGB RAYNET and the Network; to empower the membership; to enhance the potential and capabilities of individual members of both organisations and to facilitate the flow of information and resources between both organisations.

3. RECOGNITION

3.1 Both parties understand and agree to adopt the principle of parity of esteem.

3.2 The RSGB recognises the Network as the UK's principal organisation comprising radio amateurs who provide voluntary radio communications in support of the activities of the User Services and to local communities in times of disaster and emergencies, and in providing communications support to local community events. It is the main conduit of amateur radio representation to the User Services.

3.3 The Network recognises the RSGB as the national body representing all UK radio amateurs. It is the main conduit of amateur radio representation to the UK licensing authorities and the representative society of radio amateurs throughout the United Kingdom to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

4 PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION

In order that the parties may co-operate and utilise their resources to the optimum mutual benefit of both, the following principles and methods are agreed upon:

4.1 The parties shall liaise with one another through their designated representatives, exchanging information and materials, and engaging in activities in order to promote and broaden interest, understanding and appreciation of radio communication technologies, especially its value in emergency situations.

4.2 The Network shall liaise with the RSGB's designated representative(s) and co-ordinate the approach to the User Services, professional bodies and other voluntary agencies for the purpose of furthering the interests of emergency communications. This co-ordinated approach is best presented by the parties continuing to negotiate with those external agencies where they have demonstrated competence, and informing the other party of the outcomes of meetings and especially proposed agenda items.

4.3 The RSGB shall liaise with the Network's designated representative(s) and co-ordinate matters relating to changes in amateur radio licensing or band plans where such changes have an effect on the purpose shown in paragraph 2.1 above.

4.4 Both parties will encourage ongoing liaison with each other and encourage members of all affiliations to develop effective inter group lines of communication and co-operation.

4.5 Both parties shall actively promote to their members the need to work together in order that in times of emergency or disaster, the communications requirements of the user services are met.

4.6 Both parties shall recognise the intellectual property rights of the other and shall acknowledge them as such. Where there is mutual agreement, the intellectual property rights for material produced from projects shall be shared and allow either party to use or amend without reference to the other. Third Party use or transfer shall require the agreement of both parties.

4.7 Both parties shall share and co-operate in the provision of such information which will assist the active operations of all RAYNET groups of whatever affiliation, particularly that which would expedite a response to a request from a User Service for communications support at any given time.

4.8 Either party may issue joint publicity documentation after due consultation with the other party. This consultation shall be made during preparation, and prior to production and/or publication. Neither party may issue any statements or material purporting, either implicitly or explicitly, to be the views or opinions of both parties without there being written agreement that both parties subscribe to the content of such material.

5 EXCLUSION

Nothing herein shall be deemed to create any joint venture, partnership or other business association, nor shall either party enter into any obligation or commitment on behalf of the other without prior agreement.

6 IMPLEMENTATION

This agreement shall take effect upon its signing by the authorised representatives of each organisation. The agreement may be amended by mutual agreement at any time. The agreement may be terminated by either party upon 120 days written notice to the other by recorded, signed for post to the respective registered offices, but not without due consideration of the principles stated in the preamble.

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